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I am one of many U.S. citizens deeply disappointed by the proposed settlement between DoJ and Microsoft. As a computer professional for more than 15 years, I have used Microsoft products extensively and watched closely their behavior and actions. Based on both my own observations as well as the findings of this case, it is very clear that Microsoft is not only a monopoly but that it has consistently and repeatedly abused its monopoly position. Furthermore, when it has been called to task for illegal or inappropriate practices in the past, it has failed to end its basic unfair trade practices but has instead simply found new ways to continue its desire and intent to maintain firm control over the desktop computer industry. This control has consistently stifled innovation and competition, directly harming computing practices in this country as well as around the world.

I believe that the proposed settlement will contribute directly to a stagnation of computing growth and innovation that has been very evident in the industry for the last 3 to 5 years.

The best remedy would be to 1) fully split the company into two separate operations, one covering operating systems and one covering applications and development tools; and 2) release the full source code for the Windows 2000 and Windows XP operating systems to the public domain thereby allowing others to demonstrate what innovation and improvements are possible via freely shared ideas and knowledge.

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